

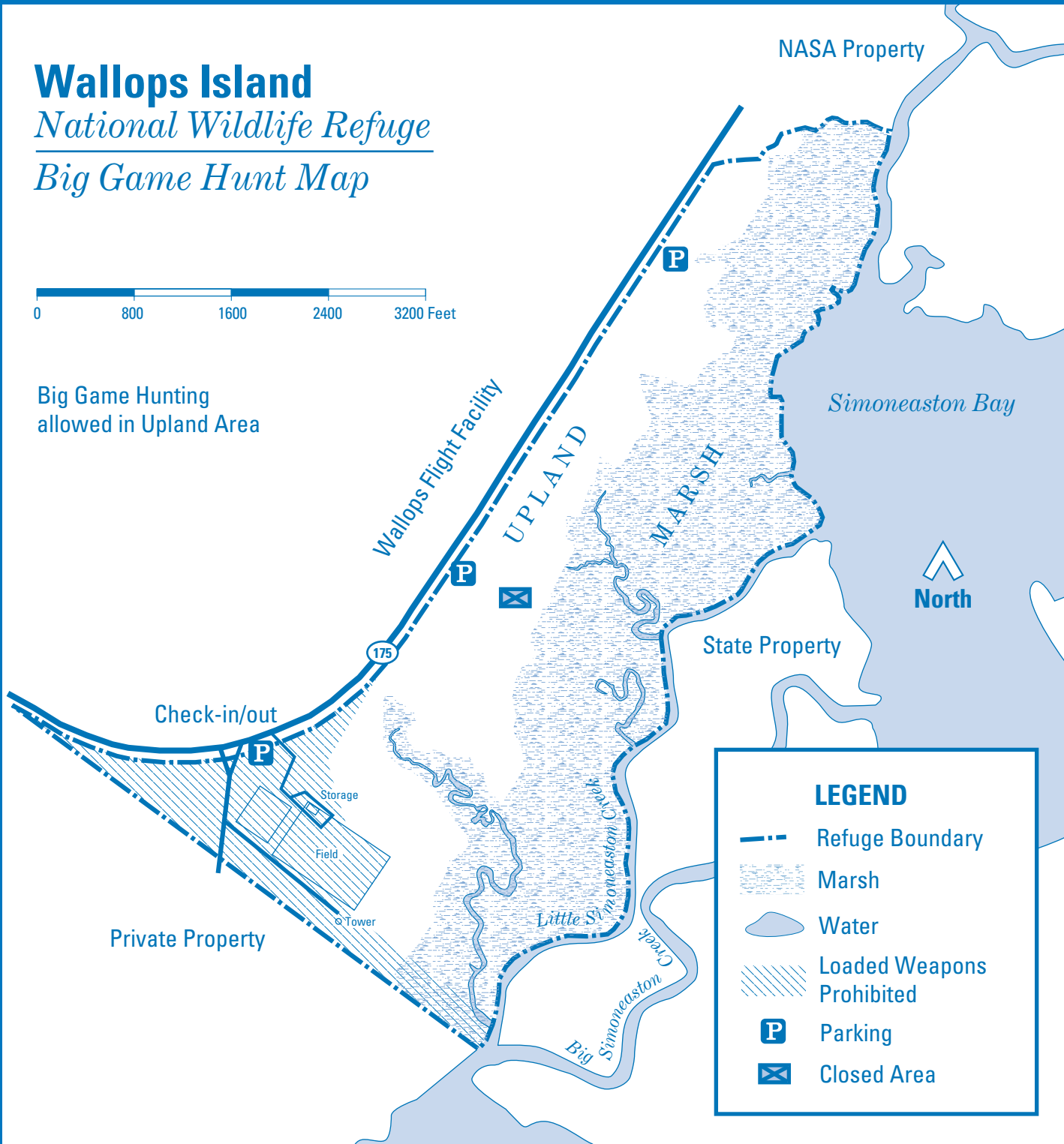
Wallops Island

National Wildlife Refuge

Big Game Hunt Map

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Big Game Hunting
allowed in Upland Area



LEGEND

- Refuge Boundary
- Marsh
- Water
- Loaded Weapons Prohibited
- Parking
- Closed Area

Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 62
Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062

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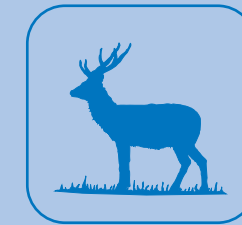
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General Provisions

Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 530 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at levels compatible with environmental integrity, provide recreational opportunities, and permit use of valuable, renewable resources.

General Hunt Regulations: *White-tailed Deer*

Hunt Dates

November 17-19, 24-26; December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 2003.

Application Deadline

September 22, 2003 (**receipt date**).

Applications must be complete when submitted to the refuge administration office. **They will not be accepted over the telephone, fax or e-mail.** Applications will not be faxed to hunters. A \$5.00 fee will be charged *per hunting party* to process each application. Those applications received without the \$5.00 fee will not be considered. Up to 5 hunters will be allowed to apply on each application and at least one member of the party must be 18 years of age.

If a person’s name or license number appears on more than one application, all applications with the duplicate name or license number will be disqualified. At least one of the persons on the original application must remain in the actual hunting party.

Lottery Notification

A computerized lottery will be held for the hunt. Notification letters will be mailed to the designated contact person on each successful application on October 1. He/she will be responsible for informing the other party members of the assigned dates.

The remaining applications will be recorded in order, and added to a list of alternates. Alternates will not be notified unless they become eligible to hunt.

Permit Fees

A \$20.00 refuge permit fee will be charged for each hunter. It must be paid by check or money order made payable to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Please indicate the payment is for the Wallops Island NWR hunt. Fees are non-refundable. Permit fees must be received by 4:30 PM on October 24, 2003.

If permit fees are not received by 4:30 PM on October 24, 2003, the alternate party on the top of the list will be contacted by phone.

Permits

Substitutions and additions can be made to the party provided the person(s) substituting did not apply to the original lottery. The refuge must be notified of additions or substitutions prior to the issuing of the hunt permit.

Hunters must acquire their permit prior to entering the refuge to scout or hunt.

Orientations

No hunter orientation is required. Hunters **must** adhere to regulations published in this brochure and by the state of Virginia.



Stand-by Hunter Drawings

There are no stand-by hunter drawings.

Bag Limits

Set by the state of Virginia.

The taking of wildlife other than white-tailed deer is prohibited.

Other General Regulations

All harvested animals must be brought to an official State check station.

A sign-in/out box is located at the kiosk in parking area one. Each hunter must sign in immediately before entering and sign out after exiting the hunt zone.

Hunters must park in designated parking areas.

Non-hunters or persons not in possession of a valid Refuge permit are not permitted on the refuge.

Firearms in vehicles must be unloaded and completely cased or disassembled.

All hunters must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded animals.

Possession of loaded firearms and nocked arrows are prohibited in upland areas closed to hunting.

The boundaries of the hunt zone are recognized in the field by prominent signs. Each hunter is responsible for knowing the boundaries of the hunt zone.

The National Park Service worksite may be staffed during the hunt. The zone around the National Park Service work site is posted as closed to hunting (**see map**). Hunters entering this zone strictly for the purpose of access to the hunting area must have their weapons unloaded. There shall be no loitering in areas closed to hunting.

Hunters pursuing downed or crippled deer into the zone closed to hunting around the National Park Service work site **may not be in possession** of a loaded firearm or bow.

Hunters are restricted to hunting from the upland portions of the refuge. Hunting from the marsh is prohibited. Deer shot from the upland and downed in the marsh may be pursued with a loaded firearm or nocked arrow to facilitate retrieval.

Permanent attachment of tree stands and the use of tree stands permanently attached by nails, wire, screws, or in any other way **is prohibited**. **Portable stands are permitted, but must be removed** at the end of each hunt day. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will not be responsible for any stands left unattended.

The use of all terrain vehicles (ATV’s) is prohibited.

The **use or possession** of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.

The minimum age allowed to hunt on the refuge is twelve years of age by the time they reach the hunt session and the child must meet state licensing requirements.

Hunters choosing to hunt using archery equipment must permanently mark arrow shafts near the fletching in a weather proof manner with the hunter’s full name.

Scouting will be permitted to hunters from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, on the Sunday immediately prior to the assigned hunt period.

Scouters must be in possession of their hunt permit while scouting.

Scouters and hunters must sign-in and out at the refuge kiosk. Scouts and hunters must wear a minimum of 400 total square inches of blaze orange material consisting of a **vest and hat or jacket and hat**. Blaze orange camouflage is not acceptable.

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